

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Paul Smith lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Fran Lemasters, during a solemn ceremony on January 1, 1955, in Independence; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Paul and Fran Smith have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children, Bob and Jan Smith, Don and Kris Smith, Diane Turner, Roxanna and Jeff Allen, Dan Robinson, Dennis Robinson, and Paul, Arthur, and Denise, all three of whom are angels in heaven; thirty-two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Paul Smith has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars during his career with United States Army, retiring from the Ford Claycomo Assembly Plant following twenty-four years of service, coaching Pony League Baseball while stationed in Hawaii, and being a member of American Legion Post 499; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Fran Smith further distinguished herself by working at Red Lobster for six years, owning Blue Springs Sonic for two years before her retirement in 1982, doing volunteer work for the Army Community Services, and being a member of the Noncommissioned Officer's Wives Club; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Paul and Fran Smith have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, residents of Blue Springs, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on January 1, 2005, at the Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church in Kansas City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Paul and Fran Smith and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Dusenberg
District No. 54

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 284, adopted January 27, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker